

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendments, filed 3/13/2008, have been fully considered and reviewed by the examiner. The examiner notes the amendment to claim 1 and claim 2. Claims 1-23 remain pending in the instant application.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 2/26/2008 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mark Lutwyche on 5/8/2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 8-23.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: None of the prior art cited or reviewed by the examiner teaches or reasonably suggests creating pseudo-molecular ions and solvent ions in the vapor state and thereafter reducing the ratio of solvent ions to pseudo-molecular ions. The closest art, cited or reviewed by the examiner, JP 2001-353454 discloses reducing the solvent content after deposition on the substrate and not in the vapor phase and therefore such can not reasonably be interpreted to read on the claim as written.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DAVID TUROCY whose telephone number is (571)272-2940. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30-6:00, No 2nd Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Timothy Meeks can be reached on (571) 272-1423. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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